

# Fauquier County Parks & Recreation Department

## July 6, 2005 Larry Weeks Community Pools New Baltimore, VA

### Present:

David Graham, Vice Chairman  
Debbie Reedy, Treasurer  
Donald P. Johnson, Jr.  
Tom Harris  
Larry Miller, Ex Officio  
Niki Barwick, P&R Staff

### Absent:

Carl A. Bailey, Chairman

### Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

#### I. Call to order

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Vice Chairman David Graham.

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

#### III. Approval of Agenda

**A motion was made by Donald Johnson that the agenda be adopted as presented. Seconded by Debbie Reedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

IV. Comments from citizens – Henry Baxley – former President of Fauquier Community Theater and Marshall District resident, was recognized by Vice Chairman Graham. Mr. Baxley thanked the Board and other County employees for their time spent on the proposed lease agreement between Fauquier Community Theater and Fauquier County.

V. Presentations/Commendations – At this time Vice Chairman Graham asked Donald Johnson to read and then present an award to C. M. Crockett Park for *Best Maintained Dam* by Virginia Lakes & Watershed Association. Michael Hanson, Southern Region Manager accepted the award on behalf of the Department.

Director Larry Miller introduced Connie Grunstad, newly hired by the Department to take over as Eastern Region Manager. The Board welcomed Connie and expressed their pleasure to have

her on board. Connie stated she is excited, and is looking forward to working in the Department.

Mr. Miller then announced that Craig Johnson had been promoted to Park Manager at Crockett Park. He also stated that Craig had done an outstanding job as the interim Eastern Region Manager for the last six months while Michael Hanson had stepped up to the plate to cover Craig's responsibilities as Assistant Park Manager in his absence at Crockett Park.

Central Region Manager, Smokey Jacobs gave a video presentation of the Region's parks, trails, playing fields, maintenance shop and Community Center.

- VI. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes
  - B. Treasurer's Report & Payment of Bills
  - C. John Marshall Birthplace Park interpretive signage

**A motion was made by Debbie Reedy to adopt items on the consent agenda consisting of: the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting on June 1, 2005 as presented; the Treasurer's Report of check registers, financial reports; and the budget action form for carryover of FY05 funds in the amount of \$4,242.00 for the purchase of rapid entry key boxes as presented and \$7,500 be allocated from the John Marshall Birthplace Park trust fund for replacement of interpretive signage at John Marshall Birthplace Park. Seconded by Donald Johnson. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

At this time Vice Chairman Graham asked that agenda item VIII. B. be heard at this time to accommodate citizens present.

- VIII. Action Items
  - B. Extension of lease of Vint Hill Theater – Mr. Graham gave a brief description of the proposed lease agreement as outlined on the agenda page. Following a brief discussion **a motion was made by Debbie Reedy that the proposed agreement be recommended to the Board of Supervisors for use of the theater at Vint Hill by Fauquier Community Theater. Seconded by Tom Harris. Discussion:** Debbie Reedy pointed out that this was a win-win situation with FCT having 99.9% of the use of the theater and still allows public use. Donald Johnson stated that it was time for us to move on and give FCT a final lease. **The vote was unanimous in favor.**

- VII. Reports
  - A. Bids/Contracts Committee – Vice Chairman Graham stated that no meeting had been held during the past month.
  - B. Swimming Pools Planning Committee – Debbie Reedy and David Graham presented the proposed conceptual expansion plan for Larry Weeks Community Pools. Following a brief explanation about the decisions made at their meeting, **a motion was made by Donald Johnson that the expansion master plan for the Larry Weeks Community Pool be adopted as presented. Seconded by Debbie Reedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.**
  - C. School Coop Agreement Liaison – Donald Johnson reported that the next meeting was re-scheduled for July 7, 2005.
  - D. Legislative Liaison – Debbie Reedy pointed out, as reported on the agenda page, that Congress has moved the \$30 million for Land Water Conservation Fund State assistance to conference committee, this fund has been a source for recreation funding for the Department in the past.
  - E. Sports Coordination Council – Donald Johnson reported on the June meeting as outlined on the agenda page, and pointed out that net-working with the Council continues to be a positive experience.
  - F. Budget Committee – Debbie Reedy reviewed the notes of the June 20, 2005 meeting for the Board. Katie Heritage, Assistant County Administrator stated that the organizations being added to the Community Contributions list, and referred to in the notes, should be available by the next meeting. Mr. Miller reported that he would be attending a meeting on the re-classification study tomorrow morning. Debbie Reedy explained some of the

minor changes to the Strategic Enhancements and Increases chart in the attachment to the agenda page. Tom Harris stated that the committee would welcome any input from the other Board members.

G. Director's Report – In addition to the background/update in the report, Mr. Miller stated the following: 1) The Board was asked to read the attachment of the Winner thank you note in this section of the book. 2) The Budget office called to suggest that requested changes made to the CIP to move up the schedule for the playground at Vint Hill were not approved, however, they suggested the playground work be done while the ballfields and the parking lot project work is going on. Following a brief discussion **a motion was made by Debbie Reedy that funding be requested for the playground project at Vint Hill and be included in the project for the ball field and parking lot. Seconded by Tom Harris. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

H. Waste Water Study Review Committee – Nothing to report.

VIII. Action Items -

A. Sports Fields Complexes – Mr. Miller reported that due to the delays associated with the proposed development and the proffer for the Southern Region Complex, of 160 acres; the developer now proposes to only donate approximately 80 acres in two separate parcels. Donald Johnson asked questions about the possibility of spraying on non-athletic play areas.

B. Extension of lease of Vint Hill Theater – This item covered above.

C. Vint Hill Village Green conceptual site plan – **A motion was made by Debbie Reedy that the existing conceptual site plan for Vint Hill Village Green be validated as the preferred plan for development of this site. Seconded by Tom Harris.** Discussion: Debbie Reedy asked if this was the same plan adopted when Mr. Winkelmann was still on the Board. Mr. Miller responded that it was adopted five years ago. Miller also pointed out that the survey of lights revealed that they must be replaced because they do not meet standards for safe play. Mr. Johnson stated that the sports groups would be saddened to see a year or two of two playing fields out of commission. Debbie Reedy commented that she would hate to see this happen until new fields are opened. At this time Mr. Miller explained the process and stated that the Board can make the decision of when the project actually goes forward. Mr. Johnson said as long as everyone is cognizant of impact of taking fields away from the leagues. Mr. Miller asked Mrs. Reedy if she would like to be involved with the meeting with the planners. She replied, yes. **The vote was unanimous in favor.**

D. Policy revision – Support of Community Recreation Organizations –Following a discussion **Tom Harris made a motion that previous actions regarding Community Contribution funding for FY06 be put on hold, and any action be postponed until support of Community Recreation Organizations policy can be revised. Seconded by Donald Johnson. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

E. Monroe Park interpretive plan – Following a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Donald Johnson that the interpretive Plan for Monroe Park be approved as presented to include notes from Larry Miller to Design Minds for minor changes and the exhibit design proposal of April 12 from Design Minds in the amount of \$21, 100 be approved as presented. Seconded by Debbie Reedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

IX. Information Items – Nothing presented this month.

X. Board Time

Donald Johnson stated that he cannot attend the August 3, 2005 Board Meeting. Debbie Reedy stated that she would be attending. Mr. Miller reminded the Board of the picnic they used to have at Crockett Park each year in August prior to the meeting. There was discussion that included a number of different suggestions regarding this option. A decision was made to delay the picnic until the September Board Meeting, to hold the meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Rady Park followed by a picnic at 7 p.m.

Tom Harris suggested a change in the by-laws that requires the meetings to begin at 7p.m. so that the Board has more flexibility.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Debbie Reedy to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Donald Johnson. The vote was unanimous in favor.** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Carl A. Bailey  
Chairman  
Parks and Recreation Board

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